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HISTORIC POST ELECTION AUDIT COMPLETE: NEW VOTING MACHINES PERFORM WELL

LARGEST AUDIT IS STATE HISTORY COMPLETE – RESULTS TO BE ANALYZED BY
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT VOTING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz announced today that the largest audit of election results in Connecticut's history has been completed. An initial review of the audit results by the Office of the Secretary of State indicates that Connecticut's new optical scan voting machines performed accurately in the November 6th 2007 election. A complete analysis of the audit results will be performed by the University of Connecticut's Voting Technology Research Center under the direction of Dr. Alexander Shvartsman.

"The results of this historic audit indicate that the new optical scan voting machines are secure and accurate," said Bysiewicz. "Connecticut voters should feel confident that every vote was counted. Still, I'm not asking anyone to simply take my word for it: that's why these post-election procedures are so important. We want to shine the light on the electoral process, before and after all votes are cast. So far, Connecticut's new voting machines have passed the test every step of the way."

As part of Connecticut's new audit law, believed to be the toughest in the United States, Secretary Bysiewicz randomly selected 70 polling precincts. Under state law, 10% of all precincts (695 used on November 6, 2007) used in the election are subject to an audit.

Such audits consist of hand counts of all paper ballots for selected races and then a comparison of those results with the tally from the optical scan machines. Audits are conducted in public with representatives from all parties invited. As a part of this audit, the results of more than 200 races across Connecticut were recounted by hand. Results will be analyzed by UCONN, made available to the public, and sent to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

Audits were conducted for the following towns and polling locations:

Town	Location
Ansonia	Saint Anthonys Church Ward 1
Avon	Avon Town Hall
Beacon Falls	Laurel Ledge School Gym
Berlin	Hubbard School
Branford	Orchard House - Voting District 3
Bridgeport	Thomas Hooker School District138-2
Bridgeport	John F. Kennedy Campus District 138-1
Bridgeport	Roosevelt School District 131-2
Canterbury	Canterbury Town Hall
Colchester	Colchester Town Hall
Colchester	Westchester Fire House
Durham	Korn School 1
East Hartford	Langford School
East Hartford	Anna Norris School
East Windsor	Town Hall Annex
East Windsor	Town Hall
Easton	Samuel Staples School
Greenwich	Greenwich Town Hall Dist. 2
Groton	City Of Groton Municipal Building
Hampton	Hampton Town Offices
Hartford	Hartford Seminary
Hartford	Ramon Betances School
Harwinton	Town Hall Assembly Room
Kent	Town Hall
Lebanon	Fire Safety Complex
Meriden	Calvary Baptist Church Area 3
Milford	John F Kennedy School District 2-1
Monroe	Stepney Elementary School
New Britain	Pulaski Middle School District 13
New Haven	Dwight School Ward 2
New Haven	Wilbur Cross High School Ward 10
New Haven	Benjamin Jepson Magnet School Ward 13
New Haven	Hillhouse High School Ward 28

New Haven	Bella Vista Ward 11
New Haven	Lincoln-Bassett School Ward 20
New Haven	Ellsworth Firehouse Ward 24
New London	Harbor School District 5
New London	New London High School District 2
New Milford	Pettibone School
North Haven	Montowese Elementary School
Norwalk	Marvin School - Voting District C1
Norwalk	Ponus Ridge School - District D1
Norwich	Rose City Senior Center
Plainfield	Moosup Fire Station
Plainfield	Town Hall Precinct 1a
Somers	Town Hall
Stamford	Cloonan Middle School Dist. 10
Stamford	St. Clements Church Hall Dist. 2
Stamford	Stillmeadow School Dist. 14
Stamford	Westover School Dist. 9
Sterling	Robert P Jordan Community Center
Stratford	Baldwin Center District 1a 120 21
Stratford	Wooster Junior High School 120
Stratford	Johnson House 4b 121 23
Warren	Town Hall
Waterbury	Maloney School
Waterbury	Saint Peter And Paul School Gym 15
Waterbury	Blessed Sacrament School
Waterbury	Chase Park House
Waterbury	Knights Of Columbus
Waterbury	Gilmartin School
Watertown	Swift Middle School
West Hartford	Edward Morley School District 3-2
West Haven	Ann V. Molloy School Voting District 7
Westport	Greens Farms Elementary School District 5
Wethersfield	Emerson Williams School
Wethersfield	Highcrest School
Windham	Natchaug School
Windsor Locks	Mario Gatti Town Hall
Woodstock	Woodstock Town Hall